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INDEPENDENCE MAN INDICTED FOR BANK ROBBERY

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that an Independence, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for robbing the Bank of America in Raytown, Mo.

John L. Heavner, 49, of Independence, was charged with bank robbery in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City. Today's indictment, Graves said, replaces a federal criminal complaint that was filed on Oct. 18, 2005.

According to an affidavit filed in support of the original criminal complaint, **Heavner** entered the Bank of America at 10017 E. 63rd St. in Raytown on Oct. 17, 2005. **Heavner** allegedly entered the bank and approached an employee seated at her desk, telling her that he wanted to open an account. When asked if he could produce identification, the affidavit says, **Heavner** responded, "No, but I can produce a gun. I want your money." The employee allegedly told **Heavner** that she was not a teller and didn't have any money, then she accompanied him to a teller window and relayed his demand for money. The teller handed **Heavner** \$797, the affidavit says, and **Heavner** left the bank.

According to the affidavit, a Raytown police officer later recognized **Heavner** from the bank surveillance photos taken during the robbery.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the indictment is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney K. Michael Warner. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Raytown, Mo., Police Department.

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